

EX32. Denny Eastern Access Road

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided information on options to potentially accelerate the delivery of the Denny Eastern Access Road (DEAR).

The construction of DEAR was highlighted in the Local Development Plan as required to help deliver the development sites in and around Denny and help alleviate traffic congestion at Denny Cross. Two sections of DEAR had been constructed. The north section, between Broad Street and the new Denny High School, had been delivered by Falkirk Council. A roundabout, at the junction of Glasgow Road and Nethermains Road, and a section of the road had been delivered by Avant Homes.

The report set out a delivery programme and possible phasing with associated estimated costs. The costs included design fees, ecological survey, ground investigation, and relevant road safety audits required to progress the detailed design of the scheme.

The Scottish Government had undertaken a consultation on the Places, People and Planning paper on the future of the Scottish planning system with the Planning Bill outlining proposed changes due to be published by the end of 2017. It was proposed, as part of the new Planning Bill, to include provisions to address the issue of infrastructure deficiencies being a block to appropriate development by possibly including both a levy and restricting the ability to revisit certain planning obligations.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the terms of the report;**
- (2) agreed to await the publication of the proposed revisions to the planning system, including provision for new legislation, and**
- (3) requested a follow up report from the Director of Development Services.**